

phases of implementation

Satamalahti, Mikkeli Architecture ideas competition for the area of Samalahti, stage 2

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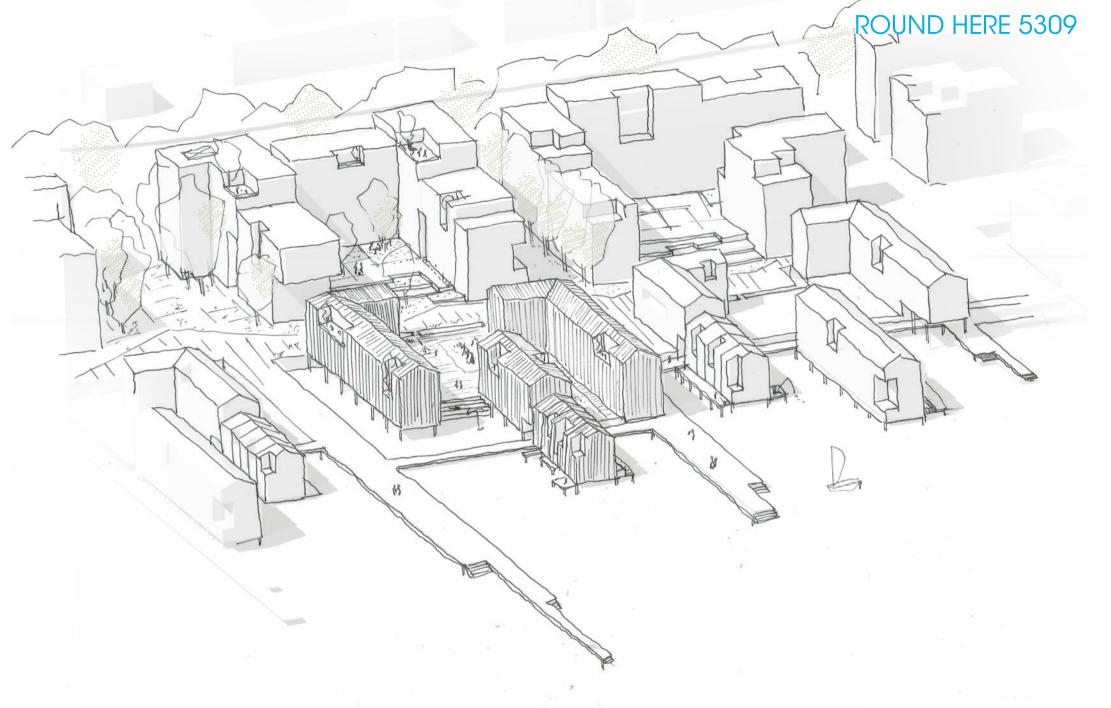
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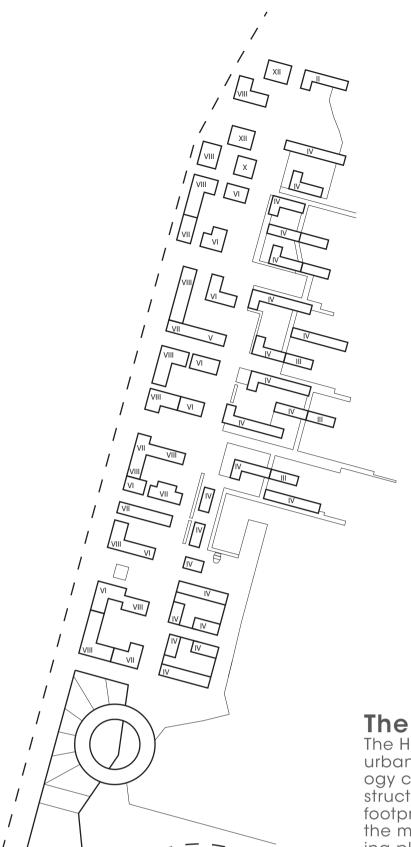
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The Harbour/Area 1

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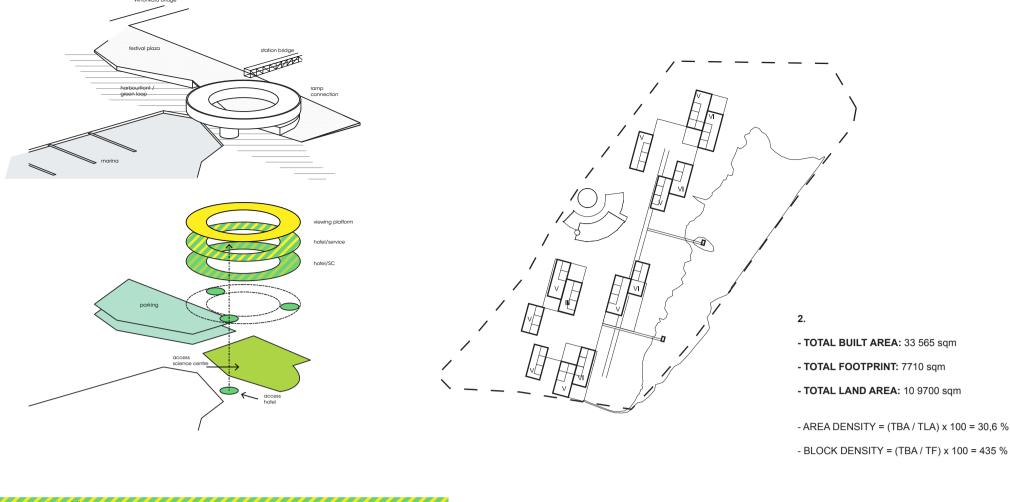
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Festival Plaza/Science Center

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The Science Center

We suggest that the Science Center program is combined with hotel/conference facilities and research offices. The exhibition spaces is situated in the large double hight base. The regular geometry and pillar construction with large spanning slabs ensures flexible exhibition space with changeable circulation routes. Conference rooms and auditoriums is also placed in the base. The foyer that connects all activities spans along the open glassfacade towards the waterfront. We suggest that

the foyer is disposed as an indoor public space, with café, bookstore library

On top of the base is the hub, a large floating circular building, expressing the democratic idea of connecting, developing and exhanging knowledge as an open source.

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Wetland Park/Area 2

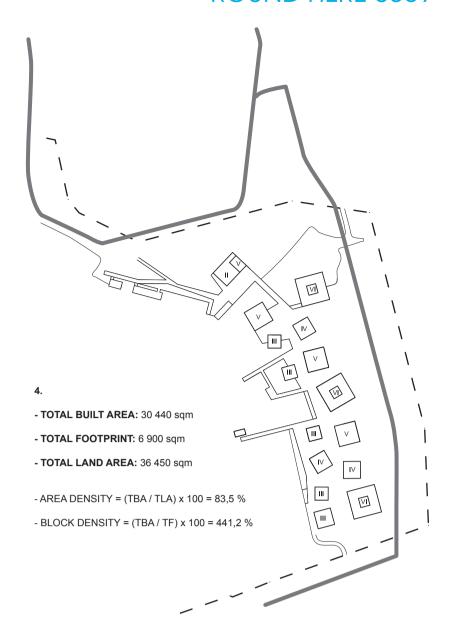
Wetland Park is an open citystructure centered around the former railroad building, and framed by a new forrest. The headline of the program is entrepreneurship, offering flexible economic space for offices, creative buisnesses, and smaller non-poluting production. We also suggest the possibility to create combined work/live spaces, for newly started small businesses. The building units are simple and build in an economical way, to keep the rental costs low. Each bulding can be added over time. The park setting is enhanced by the plantation of young trees that in time will grow and form a rich biotop for birds and other animals in connection with the wetlands.

The atmosphere is informal, the outer surfaces are mainly gravel, parking is on terrain.

The surrounding natural park and the protected wetlands are obvious qualities, and the nearby public transportation hub, gives a great business location.

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Mountain and shore village/Area 3

The organicly shaped terraced housing blocks, forms wind and noise protected semiprivate courtyards towards the south-west. The appartments are all overlooking the intimate harbour area and the lake. There is direct access to the fringy waterfront, and the small protected areas between the wooden boardwalks. A canal is constructed to give wateracces to the lake that forms a natural protected area for small boats and kayaks.

The rowhouses and small apartments along the edge lives with direct access to the boat piers, peaceful living within 10 minutes walk along the shoreside, from the lively harbour area.

Lake island area/ Area 4

The lake island area, is composed of compact, freestanding apartment buildings, placed in the natural setting of the wetlands. The buildings are connected by boardwalks and wooden jetties, interwowen with ponds of delayed rainwater, and controlled reedbed. The reedbed is enhanched and supplied to create a unique natural setting for birds and animals. All excess rain and surfacewater is delayed and naturally cleaned in the interconnected ponds before being let into the lake in a controlled manner The area is a living sustainable laboratorium, and an open classroom for hands on learning. The buildings are energy neutral, highly insulated, and the construction is allwood in different systems.

The roofs are sloping 30 degrees towards the south and clad with photovoltage panels and conventional solar heating panels, The aim is that 1/5 of the floor area will be layed out on the roofs to be able to have enough photovaltage and solarheating panels, to create a true co2 neutral and energy producing environment.

The rainwater from the roofs are collected to decentralized underground tanks, to facilitate grey water handling for toilet flushing and laundry.

The edge along the shore gives room for strolling and and sitting, boating, swimming and kayaking. The atmosphere is calm and recreational.

Cars are parked in the back of the area on terrain, where also the garbage sorting stations, and the loading stations for electrical cars are placed, under the roof of an extensive new larch plantation.

Sustainable planning

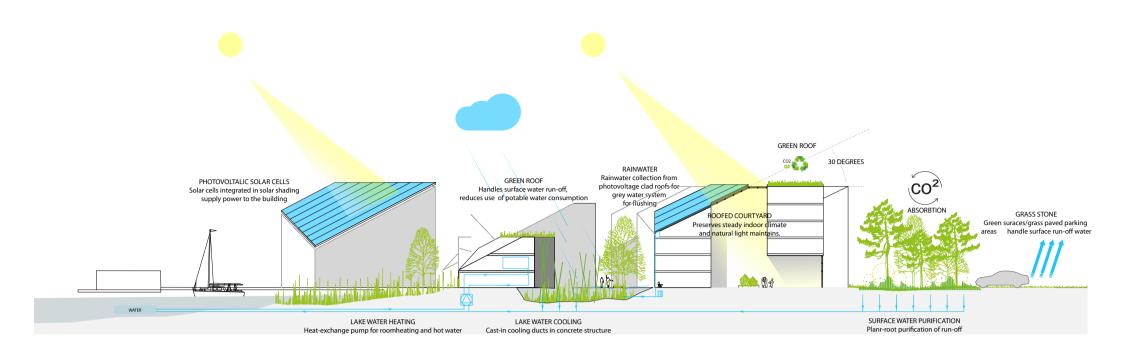
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We suggest that the model for "Industrial Symbiosis" is used on a feasable level that by analasys is shown realistic, politically and financially.

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The functional infrastructure responds to this analasys.

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people more sustainable, how it can support Co₂ friendly transportation, less land use, more compact, higher quality living, how we can facilitate informal and fearless meetings between strangers. This means making a city scape that prioritises people upon the mere rational. The cityscape should support pedestrians and bycyclists by making an eventful cityscape that is protected from the wind, has short rythms, made for slow speed, and short distances. It should support smaller living units, and less use of energy and ressources, by making the neighbourhood qualities obvious as a living room. Decentralized collecting stations, and effective reuse should make sorting of garbage easy and natural.

The social sustainability should be further supported by a diversity of ownership possibilities

Large diversity in housing sizes, and functional solutions. Live/work housing for the small entrepreneur, studio size and large apartments etc..

Minimum 10-20 % of each plot should hold social housing, and there should be a mixture of rental, coorporation and privately owned

Traffic and connections

We suggest that all motorized traffic is mainly concentrated on the main roads in the back of the lakeside areas. An electrical shuttle bus serves the areas, with a short rhythm, and many stops. No one lives further away from a bus stop than 200 meters

Each area is fed from behind with parking spaces covered by semiprivate outdoor areas in connection with the housing.

Greenscape

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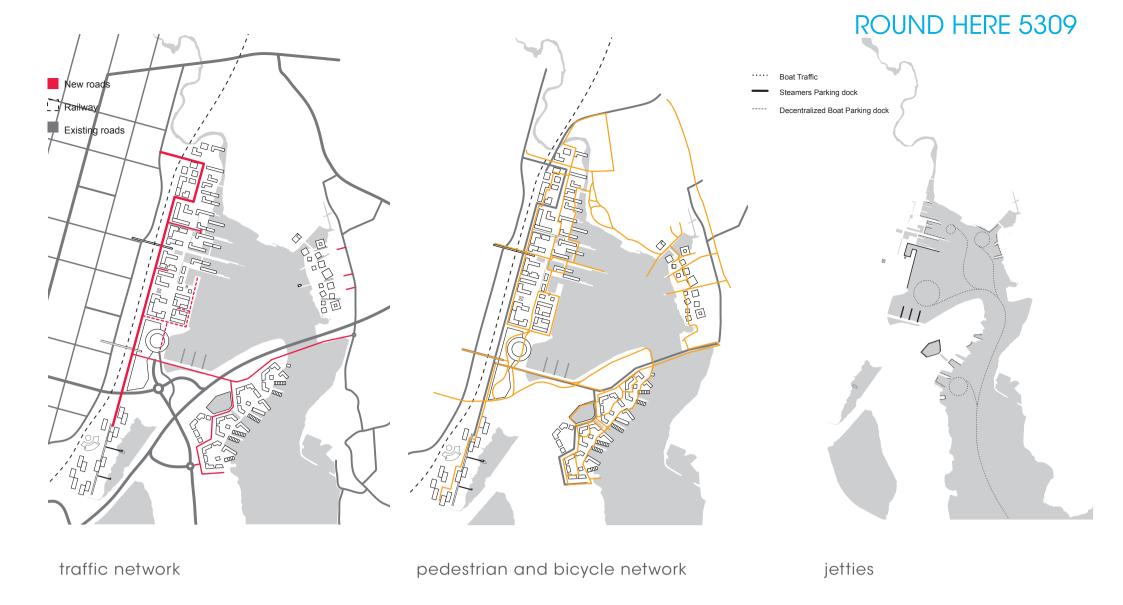
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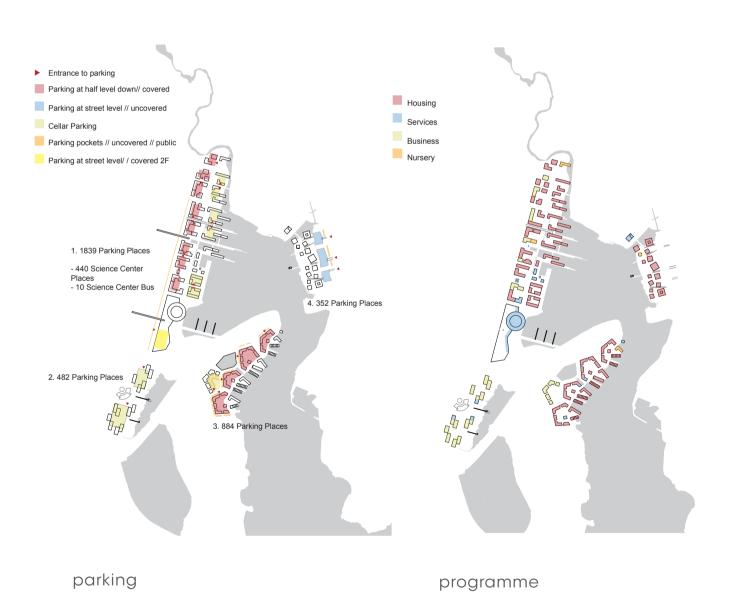
Build structure

The new plan keeps the area of the lake intact, even though the edge changes.

Additional new structure in the lake should be placed on pillars to ensure the natural waterflow.

There should be priority to the use of wood from local producers in new construction, as massive wood elements, lightweight, woodbased, framing and in-fill systems, relatively short spans, and balance between the smallest footprint and smallest façade factor. Medium rise demands lesser ressources than highrise, less construction, lower wind cooling, less elevator transportation.





Heating and electricity usage

Outer surface of new buildings should be insulated to min U-value 0,08. Window openings are maximum 40 % of the façade area. All windows should be 3 layers, high insulated windows, to an U-value of 0,7 in coldbridge insulated frames. We suggest that the heating supplied from the district heating system is combined with geothermical heating, and decentralized water bound solar panels for domestic water, where the distance is too far. Polycrystalline photo voltage panels are used on optimal orientation.

Waste

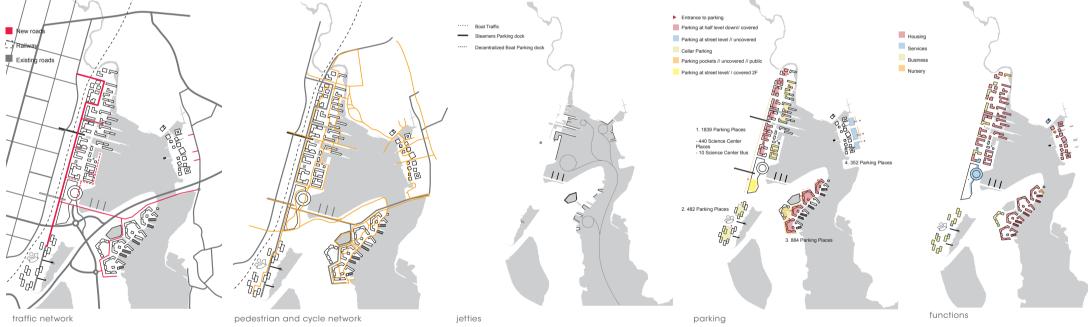
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Rainwater

Rainwater is collected from roofs, and reused in water-closets, and decentralized grey water laundry mates
Most ground surfaces will be permeable, with open pavements and boardwalks.

Excess rainwater runs in open channels to decentralized reed beds Roofs that are not in use as terracces, for photovoltage panels, or as rainwatercollectors, will be covered with sedum to delay rainwater and improve microlife.





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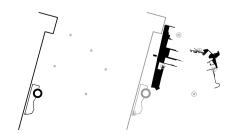
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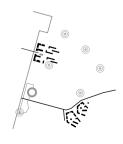
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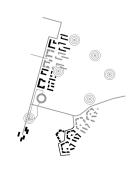
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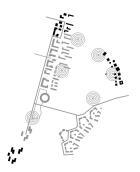
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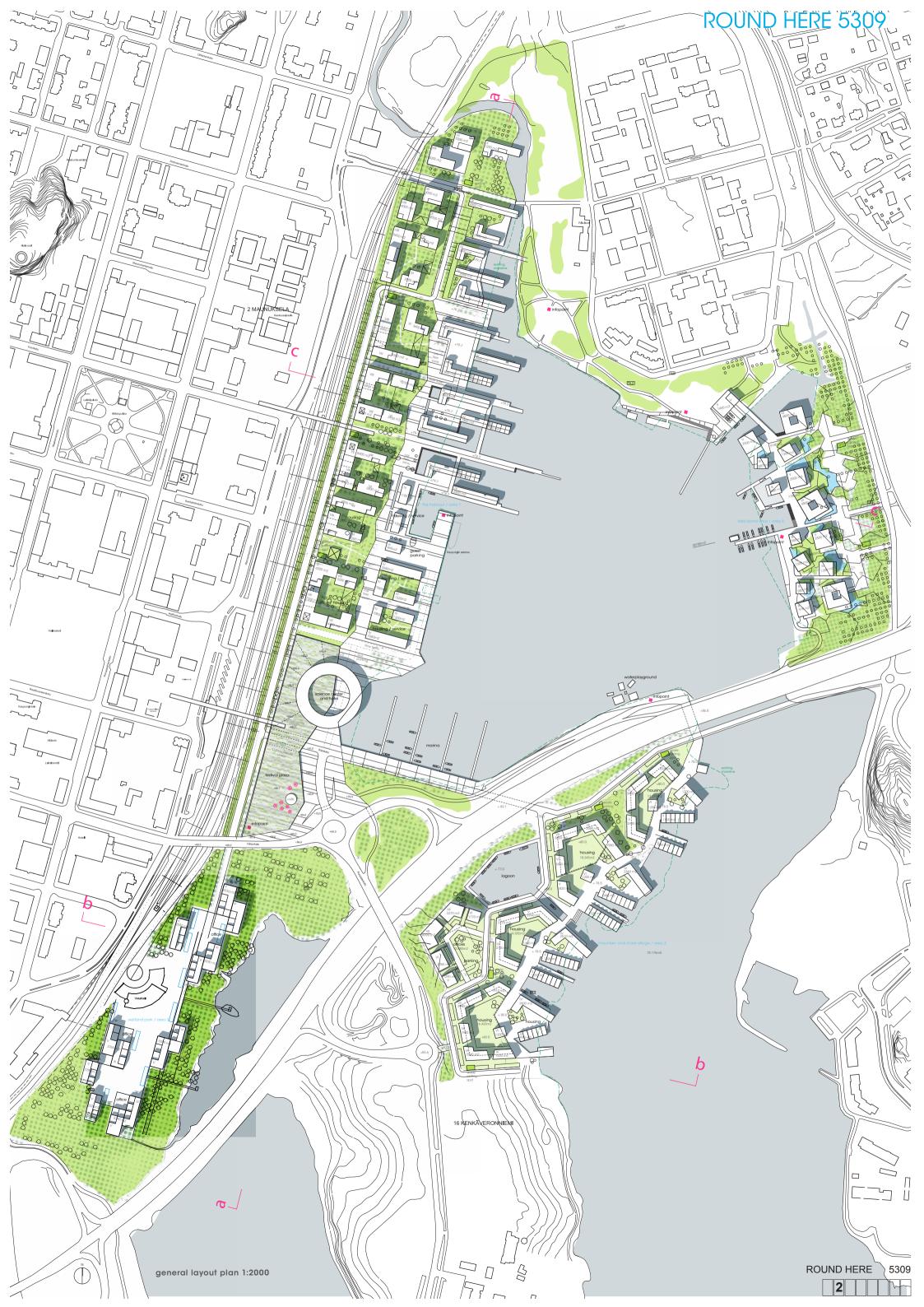
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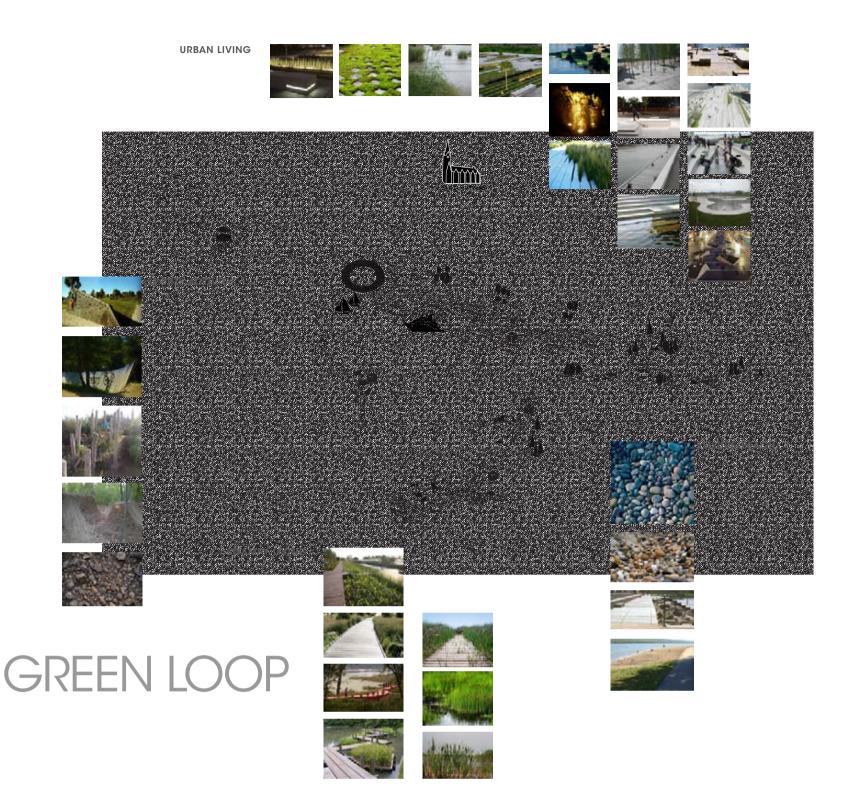


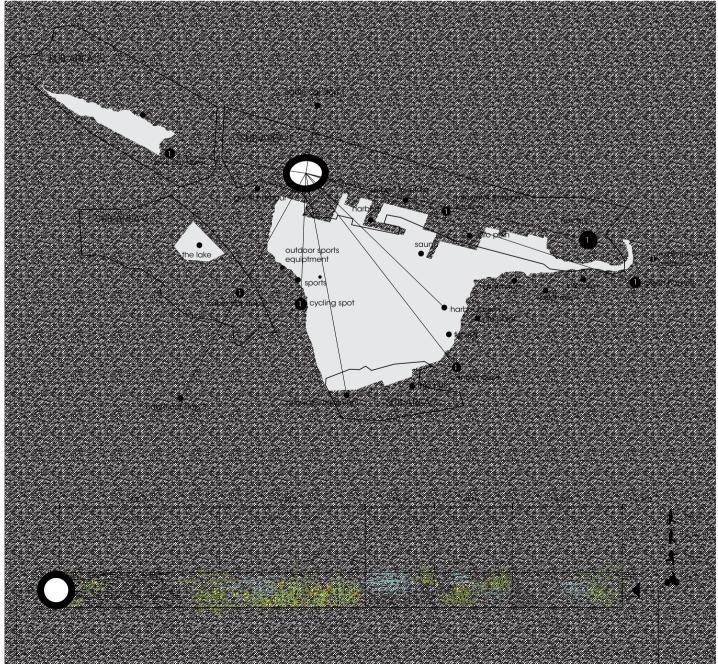














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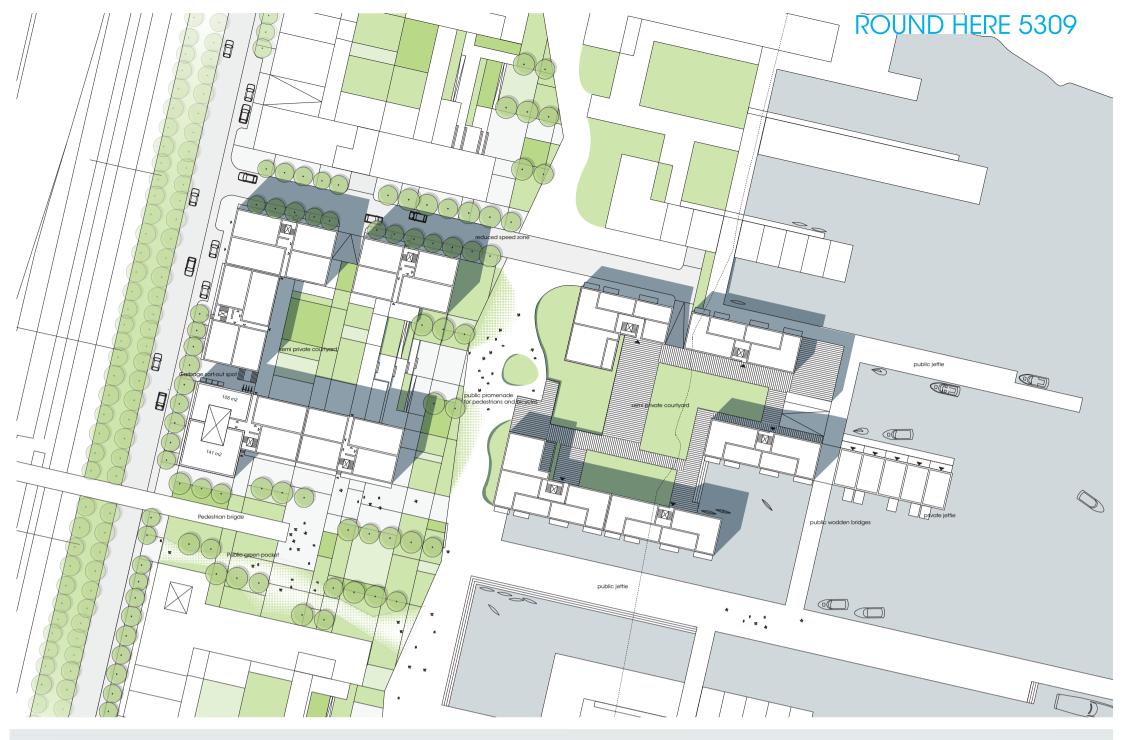
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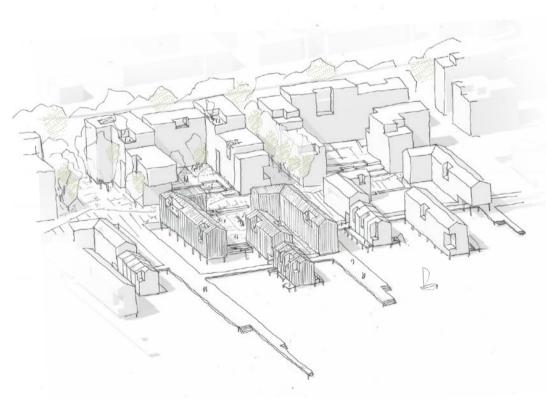
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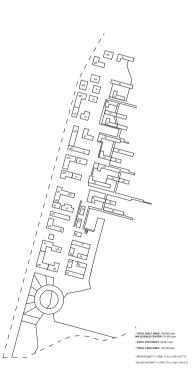
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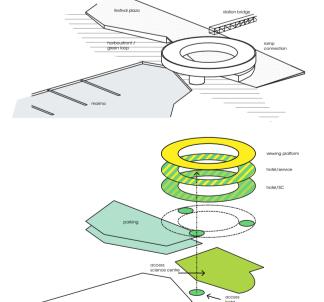












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We suggest that the Science Center program is combined with hotel/conference facilities and research offices. The exhibition spaces is situated in the large double hight base. The regular geometry and pillar construction with large spanning slabs ensures flexible exhibition space with changeable circulation routes. Conference rooms and auditoriums is also placed in The base. The foyer that connects all activities spans along the open glassfacade towards the waterfront. We suggest that the foyer is disposed as an indoor public space, with café, bookstore library etc.

On top of the base is the hub, a large floating circular building, expressing the democratic idea of connecting, developing and exhanging knowledge as an We suggest that the Science Center

aemocratic lead of connecting, developing and exhanging knowledge as an open source.
The cirkel houses, restaurant, hotel, meeting facilities and research offices, and maybe a viewplatform on the roof.

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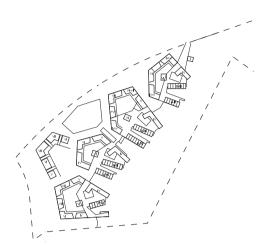






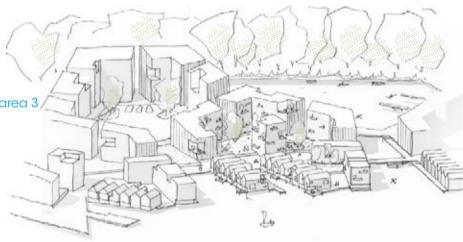
Mountain and shore village/Area 3

The organicly shaped terraced housing blocks, forms wind and noise protected semiprivate courtyards towards the south-west. The appartments are all overlooking the intimate harbour area and the lake. There is direct access to the fringy waterfront, and the small protected areas between the wooden boardwalks. A canal is constructed to give wateracces to the lake that forms a natural protected area for small boats and kayaks. The rowhouses and small apartments along the edge lives with direct access to the boat piers, peaceful living within 10 minutes walk along the shoreside, from the lively harbour area.





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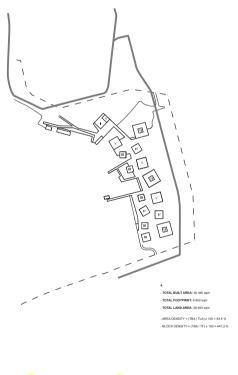


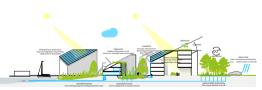


Lake island area/ Area 4

The lake island area, is composed of compact, freestanding apartment buildings, placed in the natural setting of the wellands. The buildings are connected by boardwalks and wooden jetties, interwowen with ponds of delayed rainwater, and controlled reedbed. The reedbed is enhanched and supplied to create a unique natural setting for birds and animals. All excess rain and surfacewater is delayed and naturally cleaned in the interconnected ponds before being let into the lake in a controlled manner The area is a living sustainable laboratorium, and an open classroom for hands on learning. The buildings are energy neutral, highly insulated, and the construction is all-wood in different systems. The roofs are sloping 30 degrees towards the south and clad with photovoltage panels and conventional solar heating panels. The aim is that 1/5 of the floor area will be layed out on the roofs to be able to have enough photovaltage and solarheating panels, to create a true co2 neutral and energy producing environment.

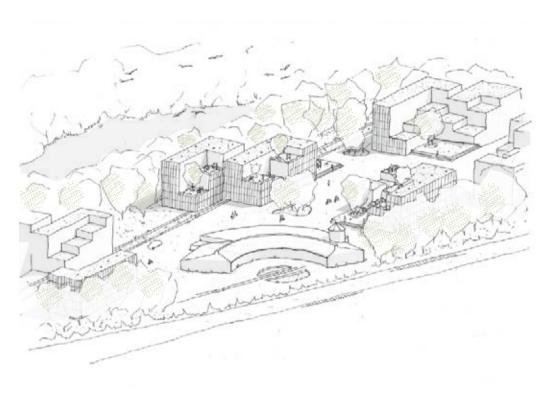
neutral and energy producing environment.
The rainwater from the roofs are collected to decentralized underground tanks, to facilitate grey water handling for toilet flushing and laundry.
The edge along the shore gives room for strolling and and sitting, boating, swimming and kayaking. The atmosphere is calm and recreational.
Cars are parked in the back of the area on terrain, where also the garbage sorting stations, and the loading stations for electrical cars are placed, under the roof of an extensive new larch plantation. of an extensive new larch plantation.







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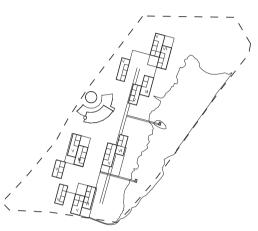


Wetland Park/Area 2

Wetland Park is an open citystructure centered around the former railroad building, and framed by a new forrest. The headline of the program is entrepreneurship, offering flexible economic space for offices, creative buisnesses, and smaller non-poluting production. We also suggest the possibility to create combined work/live spaces, for newly started small businesses. The building units are simple and build in an economical way, to keep the rental costs low. Each bulding can be added over time. The park setting is enhanced by the plantation of young trees that in time will grow and form a rich biotop for birds and other animals in connection with the wetlands. wetlands. The atmosphere is informal, the outer

surfaces are mainly gravel, parking is on terrain.

The surrounding natural park and the protected wetlands are obvious qualities, and the nearby public transportation hub, gives a great business location. location.



- TOTAL BUILT AREA: 33 565 sqr - TOTAL LAND AREA: 10 9700 sq

AREA DENSITY = (TBA / TLA) x 100 = 30,6 % - BLOCK DENSITY = (TBA / TF) x 100 = 435 %



- B. 100%

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Build structure

The new plan keeps the area of the lake intact, even though the edge

lake intact, even though the edge changes.
Additional new structure in the lake should be placed on pillars to ensure the natural waterflow.
There should be priority to the use of wood from local producers in new construction, as massive wood elements, lightweight, woodbased, framing and in-fill systems, relatively short spans, and balance between the smallest footprint and smallest façade factor. Medium rise demands lesser ressources than highrise, less construction, lower than highrise, less construction, lower wind cooling, less elevator transportation.

Heating and electricity usage

Outer surface of new buildings should be insulated to min U-value 0,08. Window openings are maximum 40 % of the façade area. All windows should be 3 layers, high insulated windows, to an U-value of 0,7 in coldbridge insulated frames. We suggest that the heating supplied from the district heating system is combined with geotherming system is combined with geotherming ing system is combined with geothermical heating, and decentralized water bound solar panels for domestic water, where the distance is too far. Polycrystalline photo voltage panels are used on optimal orientation.

Waste

Waste is sorted in decentralized waste Waste is sorted in decentralized waste stations with short distance to the users. Electrical waste cars transport the waste from the decentralized stations. Organic waste is decomposted for biogas in the lake island area. Reusable material is reused, and burnable material is burned, and excess heat is used in the district heating.

ing.
A larger centralized area for sorting of larger items should be placed centrally in each area.

Rainwater

Rainwater is collected from roofs, and reused in water-closets, and decentralized grey water laundry mates Most ground surfaces will be permeable, with open pavements and boardwalks.

Excess rainwater runs in open chan-Excess rainwater runs in open chan-nels to decentralized reed beds Roofs that are not in use as terracces, for photovoltage panels, or as rainwa-tercollectors, will be covered with se-dum to delay rainwater and improve



